

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE ASSISTANCE
LEAGUE OF GLENDALE, RECIPI-
ENT OF THE 2002 ORGANIZATION
OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Assistance League of Glendale, represented by President Ginger Whitesell, which will receive the 2002 Organization of the Year Award at the 35th annual News-Press Achievements Awards at the Alex Theatre in Glendale, California on May 15, 2002. Each year, this award is given to an organization that demonstrates extraordinary commitment to serving the community of Glendale.

Chartered and incorporated in 1943, for nearly 60 years the 80-member league has spearheaded philanthropic projects to respond to the needs of the community. The group fulfills these needs in several areas. Through its annual Operation School Bell project, clothing is presented to youngsters from low-income families. In 2000, 277 youngsters received two sets of clothes including underwear, a jacket, sweater and one pair of shoes.

The League organizes an Authors and Illustrators Day, which finances visits by published authors and illustrators to five or six elementary schools a year. In addition the League annually donates \$1,000 to be used toward the purchase of books at Glendale elementary schools.

For the Senior Neighborhood Fellowship program, members are hosts of a monthly luncheon for senior citizens, who enjoy a special program and fellowship. The group also provides \$6,500 annually in scholarships for female seniors at all the high schools in Glendale and two women at Glendale Community College, including a student in the college re-entry program. To help students prepare for the Scholastic Assessment Test for entrance into college, League members organize test seminars in the fall and spring and hires instructors to teach skills in math and English.

For extraordinary commitment to philanthropy and worthy projects in Glendale on behalf of young and old alike, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating the Assistance League of Glendale and its President Ginger Whitesell upon receiving the 2002 Organization of the Year Award.

H. RES. 392

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the distinguished Majority Whip, Mr. DELAY, for his courageous and principled lead-

ership in the House during this time of crisis in the Middle East. This Resolution, which Mr. DELAY authored with Congressman LANTOS, is to be commended.

Following the activities of September 11, 2001, we came together as a Congress, and as a country. Standing together we authorized the use of force against "those nations, organizations, or persons" that the President "determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States by such nations, organizations or persons." Mr. Speaker, I am proud that we voted for that Resolution. And I am proud that we went into Afghanistan and dismantled the base of the al Qaeda.

Why am I proud, Mr. Speaker? Because terrorism, in all its forms, must be defeated. Today we recognize that homicide bombings, practiced by the Palestinian people against innocent Israeli civilians, are acts of terrorism. The number of Israelis killed in the last year and a half by suicide terrorist attacks alone, on a basis proportional to the United States population, is approximately 9,000, three times the number killed in the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington on September 11, 2001.

Mr. Speaker, no one wants a peaceful resolution in the Middle East more than I, but, as this Resolution states, it is clear that Yasir Arafat and members of the Palestinian leadership have failed to abide by their commitments to nonviolence made in the Israel-PLO Declaration of Principles (the 'Oslo accord') of September 1993, including their pledges (1) to adhere strictly to 'a peaceful resolution of the conflict,' (2) to resolve 'all outstanding issues relating to permanent status through negotiations,' (3) to renounce 'the use of terrorism and other acts of violence,' and (4) to 'assume responsibility over all PLO elements and personnel in order to assure their compliance [with the commitment to nonviolence], prevent violence, and discipline violators.'

I would note that the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, which is part of Yasir Arafat's Fatah organization has been designated a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the United States Government, and is responsible for hundreds of murders of Israeli civilians.

This cannot continue, Mr. Speaker. Israel is our friend, our ally, and the only democracy in the Middle East. The very values we share with Israel are under attack by terrorists. Back in September we pledged to fight those who seek to annihilate us. I am pleased that we have the opportunity today to recognize that Israel deserves the same privilege.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 159, H.R. 3694, the Highway Funding Restoration Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 160, H.R. 4069, the Social Security Benefit Enhancements for Women Act of 2002. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 161, on Agreeing to the Journal. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

HONORING JOSEPH FORLENZA

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joseph Forlenza who will retire in June of this year after 41 years serving as a teacher, coach, or principal in the Catholic school system. He has spent the last 28 years as principal of Powers Catholic High School in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. He will be honored with a special ceremony on May 18th for his outstanding achievements in education.

Joseph Forlenza graduated with a BA in History and Business from St. Joseph College in Indiana in 1961. That year he became a teacher and a coach at Mendel Catholic High school in Chicago, Illinois. When he first began to work his intention was to earn money for law school. However, a love for teaching and coaching the next generation overcame the desire to follow a career in law. He went on to earn a Masters degree in History in 1967 and a Masters degree in Secondary School Administration in 1971 both from Eastern Michigan University.

As the Powers Catholic High School principal, Joseph Forlenza has made a lasting mark on the educational system. Under his leadership, Powers Catholic High School has earned a reputation as an exceptional institution. The parents, students and staff are continuing the tradition of excellence started by Joe Forlenza. He has created a welcoming atmosphere for students and at the same time worked to support the staff in their classroom roles. He has remained true to the goal of helping students learn, analyze, and prepare for life's challenges. He has achieved this by presenting students with real life problems and formal classroom instruction. His commitment to the students has been rewarded as many graduates of Powers Catholic High School have gone on to become leaders in their respective communities and fields. He will leave Powers High School but the traditions that he created will live on.

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